

# Archeological Assessment

- The Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) defines and sets out the measures required to conserve the heritage resources of Ontario
- Archaeology in Ontario is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
- When a proposed development is likely to impact archeological resources, the development proponent must ensure that the legislative requirements are satisfied
- Archeological assessment is not a requirement for all projects. It is only required when a proposed project or development is likely to impact archeological resources.
- There are four stages of archaeological assessments, as defined by in the Ministry's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists, which includes the following:

Stage 1: Background study and property inspection

Stage 2: Property assessment

Stage 3: Site-specific assessment; and

Stage 4: Mitigation of development impacts

# **Engaging Indigenous Communities**

- It is a legislative requirement that the Indigenous communities be engaged and consulted on any new projects
- The Indigenous communities expect that development proponents and approving authorities notify them of new projects and be allowed to provide input and recommendations that support their interest in the archaeological site or development property
- Within the Burlington area, the following Indigenous communities retain such interests:
  - Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation;
  - Six Nations of the Grand River; and
  - Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council

## **City of Burlington Engagement of Indigenous Communities**

- The city, as part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Studies notify the Indigenous communities by mailing the Notice of Study Commencement
- Complete Stage 1 Archeological Assessment to identify archeological potential
- Share the report with Indigenous communities for their information and input
- If additional archeological assessments are recommended, the city carry out further investigation

# What has Changed?

- As of recent, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation requires the city to sign Archaeological Review Agreement and agree to pay the associated fee before commencing their review of the Stage 1 Archeological Assessment report
- Stage 1 review will determine if Stage 2 through Stage 4 assessments are required
- For Stage 2 through Stage 4 assessments, in addition to the Archaeological Review Agreement, the city may be requested to enter into Indigenous monitoring agreements, sometimes referred to as Field Liaison Representatives (FLR) Participation Agreements
- Once a Field Liaison Representative Participation Agreement is signed, the city's consultant archaeologist will coordinate the scheduling of assessment work and Indigenous monitoring on-site

# Financial Impact

- The following are estimated costs associated with the Indigenous Communities review and on-site monitoring assessment of the different stages of archaeological assessment:
  - Stage 1 - The approximate cost range between \$500 - \$1000.
  - Stage 2 - Approximate cost range: \$1,000 to \$10,000
  - Stage 3 & Stage 4 - Approximate cost range: \$5,000 to \$100,000, To date, the city has not come across a project site that required Stages 3 and 4.
- Cost associated with the review and monitoring agreements of Stage 1 & 2 will be included in individual capital project budgets.
- Should Stages 3 & 4 be required, funding will be identified and noted in future budgets